Raynor Chair

The Raynor Chair is funded through endowment funds in the Office of the Provost. At the request of the provost, the University Committee on Research (COR) has developed the following criteria and selection process.

Description:

The Raynor Chair will be awarded on a rotating three-year cycle to a tenured Marquette University faculty member that exemplifies research excellence and scholarly leadership in pursuit of the University mission. The criteria for selection are:

- Record of past and on-going scholarly accomplishments.
- Impact of the candidate’s research program (on their discipline, the community, Marquette students, etc.).
- Plans for campus leadership in research during the Raynor Chair term as explained below.

The Raynor Chair will receive a stipend of $20,000 each year and up to $30,000 in operating or equipment funds each year to support their research program. It is expected that part of the operating budget will be used to execute the recipient’s planned research leadership activities. Additional summer stipend support of up to one-third of the candidate’s academic year salary will also be provided each year the candidate holds the chair (note that this support will depend upon eligibility and will require review of other potential internal or external summer funding).

Application Process:

Faculty who meet the eligibility requirements are welcome to apply. Applicants should check with their colleges/departments to ensure that the routing process can be completed prior to the deadline. Applications need to be submitted by the candidate’s dean by the deadline and also require prior review and approval by the department chair in colleges or schools where there are departments. Required application materials are:

- Candidate’s statement of research accomplishments and impact, written for an audience of scholars from all areas of campus. This statement is limited to 2 pages, single spaced.
- Candidate’s summary (no more than one page) of plans for research leadership during the term. This could include hosting a symposium or workshop event each year or other ways to engage the campus community (and potentially the larger external community) on topics related to the candidate’s area of research and highlight the broader impacts of research at Marquette.
- One page budget and budget justification for operating and equipment funds not to exceed $30K per year that provides a clear description of the planned activities. Plans will be reviewed by the Office of Research and Innovation and the Office of the Provost prior to finalization with the awardee.
- A copy of the candidate’s CV.
- Two letters of support from individuals who are familiar with the candidate’s scholarly record and able to speak to the impact of their work. Letters of support may be from internal or external colleagues and should be sent directly to the Office of Research and Innovation (can be submitted electronically to innovation@marquette.edu) and addressed to the University Committee on Research.
- The application should be reviewed by the candidate’s department chair (if applicable) and dean prior to submission. Chairs and deans are asked to provide a letter with their evaluation of the candidate’s
suitability for the Raynor Chair. Chairs should submit their letters directly to the dean, who will submit the completed application to the Office of Research and Innovation.

Review Process:

The University Committee on Research will review and discuss the applications. The COR officers (or their delegates) will attend a meeting with the provost and provost’s cabinet to provide COR input into the final decision. The provost will select the awardee.

Application Deadline will be Monday, March 18, 2024 for Fall 2024 start.